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SUBJECT: PANAMA ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

1. THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATORS WOULD APPRECIATE AN ASSESSMENT BY THE COUNTRY TEAM OF THE CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STATE OF PANAMANIAN ECONOMY. IT WILL BE USED IN FORMULATION OF POSITIONS ON ISSUES REGARDING BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE CANAL.

2. THE ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE A MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS WITH EMPHASIS ON WHAT THE COUNTRY TEAM VIEWS AS THE MAJOR ELEMENTS WHICH CURRENTLY AND OVER THE MEDIUM TERM WILL AFFECT THE PANAMANIAN ECONOMY. THE APPRAISAL SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS PROBABLE TRENDS IN EACH OF THESE ELEMENTS AND PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF WHERE THE ECONOMY IS HEADING.

3. THE ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS AN AIRGRAM NOT TO EXCEED FOUR PAGES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ITS RECEIPT
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